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BORDER MEETING

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1. WE HAVE HAD LIMITED SUCCESS IN OBTAINING READOUT OF WHAT
TRANSPIRED AT RAZAK-SUHARTO MEETING AT PRAPAT NOV 15-17, PARTLY
BECAUSE MFA SOURCES WHO NORMALLY MORE FORTHCOMING ON OTHER MATTERS
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NOT TALKING. INDONESIAN EMBASSY MINISTER COUNSELLOR SUROSO,

HOWEVER, TOLD US THAT SUHARTO AND RAZAK AGREED ASEAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD ON BALI IN FEBRUARY, 1976. ACCORDING TO SUROSO, TWO MORE PREPARATORY MEETINGS WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE SUMMIT, ONE AT "SENIOR OFFICIALS" LEVEL IN MANILA AND ANOTHER AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL IN BANGKOK. HE SAID INDONESIANS VIEW KEY MATTER FACING ASEAN IS THAT OF ITS "FUTURE DIRECTIONS" AND MEMBERSHIP, IMPLYING NO CONSENSUS EXISTS ON THIS. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FUTURE STATUS OF BRUNEI INDONESIAN SIDE URGED MALAYSIANS NOT RPT NOT DO ANYTHING TO DESTABILIZE SITUATION SINCE CRISIS IN BRUNEI MIGHT BE EXPLOITED BY "RADICAL" ELEMENTS. (AS AN ASIDE SUROSO OPINED THAT GOM WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH ERSTWHILE RADICAL A.M. AZAHARI OF BRUNEI PEOPLE'S PARTY STEMMED FROM AZAHARI'S AGREEMENT NOT TO PURSUE BRUNEIAN CLAIM TO LIMBANG SALIENT WHICH SPLITS BRUNEI IN TWO AND CURRENTLY PART OF MALAYSIA.) RE NOV 18-20 MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR OF JOINT MALAYSIA-INDONESIA BORDER COMMITTEE SUROSO SAID INDONESIAN SIDE HAD STRESSED TO MALAYSIANS IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE PEOPLE (BY INFERENCE, INCLUDING ETHNIC CHINESE) AS KEY TO SUCCESSFUL COUNTERINSURGENCY CAMPAIGN.

2. LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE GENERALLY IN ACCORD WITH MEDAN AND JAKARTA REPORTING. NEWS ACCOUNTS STRESS INCREASED COOPERATION ON SECURITY MATTERS, INCLUDING EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE, AS WELL AS ISSUES RELATING TO ASEAN SUMMIT. ON BRUNEI, MALAYSIANS SECURED INDONESIAN AGREEMENT TO CO-SPONSOR UN RESOLUTION OF "COMMITTEE OF 24" ON INDEPENDENCE OF BRUNEI, MALAYSIA IN TURN GENERALLY SUPPORTING INDONESIAN POSITION ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR QUESTION.

ON MUSLIM INSURGENCY IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, TWO LEADERS AGREED CONFLICT SHOULD BE SETTLED ON BASIS OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MUSLIM CITIZENS IN CONTEXT OF PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY. AS PER JAKARTA'S REPORTING, RAZAK APPARENTLY SUPPORTED INDONESIA'S ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT IN LOS CONTEXT, BUT QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF RIGHT OF FREE PASSAGE THROUGH NATUNA ISLANDS SEEMS STILL UP IN THE AIR.

3. ALSO NOTEWORTHY WAS REPORTED AGREEMENT BY RAZAK AND SUHARTO THAT SUPERPOWER RIVALRY THREATENING REGION'S STABILITY. GOM-INFLUENCED "NEW STRAITS TIMES" (NST) REPORTED THAT "WITHOUT REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO CHINA, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATES A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY BOTH LEADERS SAID THE SUPER-POWERS CONTINUED TO IMPLANT THEIR INFLUENCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY (IN) SOUTHEAST ASIA, DESPITE CURRENT DETENTE."

4. NOV 18-20 BORDER COMMITTEE MEETING CHAIRED BY MALAYSIAN HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE AND INDONESIAN DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL PANGGABEAN REPORTEDLY WENT BEYOND NARROWLY-DEFINED BORDER CONCERNS TO BROADER AREAS OF JOINT COOPERATION ON INTERNAL SECURITY

MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. GHAZALI SHAFIE QUOTED TO EFFECT THAT TWO NATIONS NOW SHOULD "DOVETAIL" THEIR THINKING AND EQUIPMENT TO MEET THE "COMMON THREAT." COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING MEETING CITED NEED TO INTENSIFY JOINT SECURITY OPERATIONS AGAINST COMMUNIST TERRORIST REMNANTS IN SARAWAK, "COMMON ACTION TO PREVENT SEA POLLUTION CAUSED BY FREQUENT OIL SPILLAGE IN STRAITS OF MALACCA," AND "IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING NATIONAL RESILIENCE" (I.E., PUTTING OWN HOUSES IN ORDER) AS "ULTIMATE GUARANTEE FOR PEACE, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES."

5. COMMENT: KEY UNANSWERED QUESTION IS TO WHAT EXTENT AT SUHARTO-RAZAK TALKS AND BORDER COMMITTEE SESSIONS INDONESIANS IMPRESSED ON MALAYSIAN COLLEAGUES IMPORTANCE AS INDONESIANS SEE IT FOR GOM TO DEAL MORE FAIRLY WITH CHINESE ELEMENTS OF COMMUNITY AS BASIS FOR SUCCESSFUL HANDLING OF COMMUNIST TERRORIST THREAT.
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